

April 2017

## CORVETTE CLUB OF KANSAS CITY

# HiBeams



**Next CCKC meeting Wednesday, May 17**

**Uncle Buck's Grill at Bass Pro Shop**

**12051 Bass Pro Drive**

**Olathe, KS 66061**

**Room opens at 5:00, business meeting starts at 7:00.**

**Come early enough to get your food order in before 6:30  
and dine with the group.**

Register [HERE!](#) for CCKC's  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Corvette Show**  
at Hendrick Chevrolet  
Sunday, June 4, 2017

Contact Chuck Levenson for details  
and to volunteer: 913-238-3225

### May Birthdays

3 – Missy Bruhn  
5 – Mike Hannah  
8 – Cindy Franke  
11 – Joe Campbell  
13 – Natasha Chappelle  
13 – Beverly Keeney  
18 – Charlie Fillinger  
18 – Robert Hill  
20 – Dianne Keith  
20 – Shelley Ottinger  
21 – Nalina Hickman  
21 – Chuck Levenson  
23 – Jan Towell  
26 – Adam Hoehn

### May Anniversaries

1 – Natasha & Charles Chappelle  
3 – Barb & Tom Kearns  
15 – Claudia & Carrol Scott  
28 – Pei-In & Don Speer

*CCKC member Jerry Keith volunteered to drive Grand Marshal  
Miss Zona Rosa in the Zona Rosa Easter Parade!*



Thanks to CCKC's corporate sponsor





**April Events:**

**Mid-Missouri/Columbia Trip 4/1**

20 CCKC members with 12 Corvettes traveled to Columbia, MO for the Mid-Missouri Corvette Club's 23rd Annual Corvette Cup on April 1. The event was held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Columbia, Missouri. The night before the show participants were invited on a bus ride to the Mallory Museum outside of Columbia.

The show day began cloudy but turned out well. Two CCKC members earned trophies in their respective categories: Todd Ford won a first place, and Lee Burkhead won a second place.

The Mid-Missouri Corvette Club was very gracious and put on a great show. The award presentation at Stoney Creek included a great buffet and a very good live auction that raised a lot of money for the Mid-Missouri club's charity.

Todd Ford was CCKC's coordinator for the event.

*~Todd Ford*





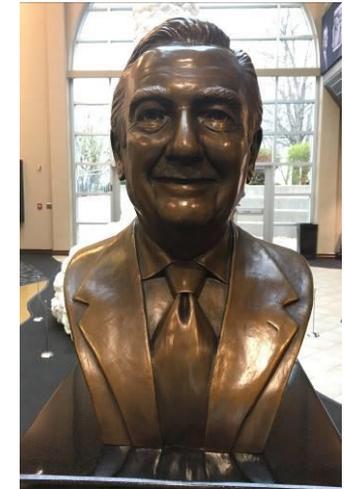
**Walter Cronkite Exhibit 4/1**

On April 1, 13 members and seven cars traveled to St. Joseph, MO to visit the Walter Cronkite Memorial on the campus of Western Missouri University. The memorial is a tribute to the life of “the most trusted man in America.” The permanent memorial houses a comprehensive collection honoring the legendary CBS news anchor. Our guided tour introduced us to Cronkite’s life, spanning more than five decades from sports announcer to war correspondent. Cronkite witnessed great change.

Members of Glass Express Corvette Club from St. Joseph met our group at the museum. Our thanks to Joe Bidding and others for leading us from the museum past the beautiful historic homes and parks of St. Joe, to the Frontier Casino for a buffet lunch.

On our return via Leavenworth, we enjoyed driving the rolling, curvy roads of Highway 5. Hosted by Gene and Vicki Sinkler.

~ Vicki Sinkler





**Ottawa Car Show 4/8**

Ten cars and 13 members attended the Ottawa Corvette show on April 8. Bob Henn coordinated the event for CCKC. Our own Lloyd LaTurner won the Best Special Edition trophy. Congratulations, Lloyd! We came very close to winning the Club Trophy, which is based on attendance, but were beat by KCCA. Next year, let's have more members attend so we can get the Club Trophy for CCKC! We all enjoyed a great meal at the local BBQ restaurant, as well as the weather... which was perfect for a car show. The only thing missing was more CCKC members.

*~ Bob Henn*





### GM Fairfax Tour 4/12

On Wednesday, April 12, Bob Henn hosted 20 members who toured the GM Fairfax Assembly Plant. We met at Argosy Casino and drove 14 Corvettes, one Challenger and an HHR the short distance to the Fairfax District. Upon arrival, we received a warm, friendly greeting from our host, Dan Kandlbinder, VP of UAW Local 31. The plant encompasses almost 5M square feet, and I think we walked a good portion of it. It runs three shifts per day, producing a new Malibu every minute. Watching the components come together into a completed vehicle was fascinating. Several of us were allowed to ride along during the final QC check as the

Malibus came down the assembly line. Very cool, indeed! It was incredibly impressive to see all these people working so hard to build a quality product for the American people.

Following the tour, we gathered back at Argosy Casino's 99 Hops House for a great lunch (and maybe a few cold ones). It felt good to get off our feet after walking through much of the plant.

Everyone mentioned what a great time they had, and we've received an offer from Dan to come back again for a more in-depth tour. I think we should take him up on his offer.

*~Bob Henn*





### Designers' Showhouse 4/25

Ten CCKC members recently ventured to Kansas City's historic Hyde Park area to tour the Symphony Designers' Showhouse and its fantastical fairy garden. The recently rejuvenated home is dubbed "Downtown Abby" – with a nod to both the PBS Series "Downton Abbey" and one of the beautiful home's owners, Abby Entrillo. This marks the 48<sup>th</sup> year that the Kansas City Symphony Alliance has undertaken its showhouse fundraiser, which benefits the Kansas City Symphony.

Construction of the modified colonial revival home began in 1908. The current owners purchased the house in 2016. The showhouse is on Kansas City's Historic Register, so much of the home reflects its previous grandeur, accented by period furnishings as well as more modern styles.



With three stories of rooms to tour, our members found many "favorites." Perhaps the favorite-of-favorites was the gigantic master closet with its stunning chandelier and a Cambria quartz-topped walnut island ... or perhaps the "Princess Pad for Pups" for the dedicated dog-lovers.

Following the spectacular home tour, the members enjoyed lunch and shopping time at Webster House. Patti Norris coordinated the event for the club.





Bass Pro Just For Fun Car Show 4/22



Cool and windy spring weather, but we ended up with a good number of beautiful cars. Hosted by Jim Cahill.





### Culver's Cruise 4/27

Under a cloudy sky with a few sprinkles, we had our first cruise night at Culver's for 2017. There were 11 Corvettes with 27 club members in attendance. The cruise was organized by Bob Henn and Henry Ninstil.

~Henry Ninstil



### April Minutes

On **Wednesday April 19, 2017** at 7 p.m., the meeting was called to order by President Steve Garrett at Uncle Buck's/Bass Pro Shop. There were approximately 75 members present.

VP John Hamblin showed us the raffle items for tonight's raffle. Raffle items were donated by Uncle Buck's, Hendrick, KC Auto, Todd Ford and John Southerland.

There was no corporate sponsor present at tonight's meeting. Adam Hoehn, our NCM ambassador, reminded us of NCM's Bash that is coming up April 26-29, 2017. He also reported that the National Corvette Museum won six awards at the recent NAAMY conference, which is a conference for automotive museums around the country. The awards that NCM won are: Third place – Newsletters & Magazines – America's Sports Car Magazine; Third place – Films and Video – Heritage Series: The One and Only 1983 Corvette; Third place – Collateral Materials – NCM Tourist brochure; Third place – Educational Programs – ME-chanics; Second place – Interpretive Exhibits – Corvette Cave-In: The Skydome Sinkhole Experience; First place – Events & Public Promotions – Corvette Cave In Exhibit Opening.

Secretary Julie Dailey thanked Linda Downing and Colleen Juliff for taking the minutes during her absence. She obtained approval of the March 2017 minutes. The minutes of the April 10, 2017 E.C. Committee meeting were read.

Steve Garrett discussed whether or not we should update the name of our newsletter as well as the masthead. Barb Kearns reported that it is in our by-laws that it would be called Hi-Beams and it has been that since 1964. It is a part of our club identity. She suggested changing the look of the masthead but leave the name the same since it is part of our legacy. Chuck Levenson



told us that Hi-Beams was chosen because cars had just gone to quad headlights. He also explained the meaning of our banner.

Barb Kearns made a motion to leave the name of our newsletter as it is; it was seconded and approved.

Treasurer John Southerland reported the income and expenses for the month. A member had inquired if the club held any Certificates of Deposit. John said we do not. John also reported that the EC has been urged to spend the money we have and he reminded us that it is a good thing to have a reserve in case of unexpected expenses...such as a rain-out, which would cause us to suffer a loss of up to \$2,000.

Dues and sponsorships are about the same as last year. We will spend \$1300 less than last year because we now own our own sound equipment, and will no longer have gifts for event coordinators. We have budgeted \$5000 to our charity. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Chris Shinnars, Membership Chair, reports that we have 180 members now. New members tonight are: Pete Pigeon who has a black 2017 Z51. Rocky McDaniel, who has a red 2011. Bob Cusick, who has a Grand Sport. Billy Greer, who has a crystal 2008. Guest Scott Sutherland was also introduced and he has a red 1986.

Activities Chair (Fun Director) Cynthia Sdano told us of upcoming events and reminded us to check the sign-up sheets.

- Saturday April 22 – Just For Fun Corvette show at Bass Pro Shop hosted by Jim Cahill.
- April 25 is The Designer Show House tour with lunch after at Webster House. Host Patti Norris.
- Thursday April 27 is the first Culver's Cruise hosted by Bob Henn and Henry Ninstil.

- Saturday April 29, there are two events: Cars and Coffee at Rosanna Square at 8 a.m.; Bob Henn is hosting this non-exclusive event. Plus, from 5 – 8 p.m., there is a Veterans' Car Show in Independence MO. Wounded Warriors will be in town and they are trying to get at least 10 Corvettes for this event. Pascal Eason is hosting this event.
- April 30 – **Ft. Leavenworth Historic Homes** tour. Lunch at 11:30 at Abuelo's at Zona Rosa. Depart for Leavenworth at 12:30. Hosted by Sdanos.
- Saturday, May 5, **Kentucky Derby Party** at the Henn house. Everybody is welcome but please RSVP by April 22. Main dish, dessert and drinks will be provided. Bring a derby-inspired side dish. Hosted by Terry Henn, Katrina Hannah and Teddie Farnsworth.
- June 5 – **Hendrick car show**. Please see the sign-up sheet for workers. We still need volunteers for registration, selling 50/50 tickets, parking, helping with the sports memorabilia table. Also, Chuck & Katie will be setting up the prior evening after 4 p.m., if you would like to help. We need cookies and brownies for the bake sale as well as silent auction items. Ask your favorite restaurants if they would donate a gift card. Please bring silent auction items to next month's meeting.
- Jim Juliff has a new signup sheet for the June 10 – 11 trip to **Ankeny Iowa**; this is an overnight trip to view a private car collection. The collection consists of all convertibles made by GM from 1912 – 1975, a 250-car collection. The hotel is in Urbandale. Return Sunday morning. Please sign the new signup sheet.
- Trip to **Jamesport** June 17: Event hosts John and Donna Stevenson. There is an open house with ice cream. Then lunch. Then to the bakery.
- The **4<sup>th</sup> of July parade**. Meet at Ray Newell's house for coffee and doughnuts at 8 a.m. Staging is at 9:30, the parade is at 10 a.m. Please decorate your car. After the parade,



lunch at Zarda. Also, remember that Zarda gives a 10% discount to seniors. The front room is reserved for our club.

- Our **summer picnic** will be at Shelter #8 at Shawnee Mission Park. The pavilion is large enough for 180 people. Private parking for up to 63 cars with an overflow lot across the road for 33 more cars. Zarda is catering the picnic. Please bring your own (non-alcoholic) drinks as well as an appetizer, chips or dessert to share. We will have prizes and games. Bring a chair, if you wish. After the picnic, Theatre in the Park is just up the road, for anyone who wishes to attend the performance.

Chris Shinnners handed out certificates to members who have been with the club 20 years or more. Tom Kearns: 20 years. Ray & Mary Newell, Lamar Williamson – 30 years. Jack and Anita Pisano– 35 years.

John Hamblin announced the Club now has small Club flags for sale for \$15. See John if interested.

Our raffle collected \$196 from which \$25 was deducted for the raffle leaving \$171 for our charity.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie B. Dailey, EA



**CCKC Website:**  
[www.Corvetteclubkc.com](http://www.Corvetteclubkc.com)  
**National Corvette Museum:**  
<http://Corvettemuseum.org/>

**Tech Talk/News**

C-7 owners: Do you hear a **creaking or snapping noise** above your windshield from the removable roof lift-off panel while you're driving? According to GM Bulletin #15-NA-016, the cause may be a stick-slip condition between the front latches against the strikers and the front locating pins to the locating cup in the strikers. This affects 2014-2015 model years with lift-off panels. GM will replace the locating pins and strikers.

Does your **driver instrumentation panel blank out**? Try pulling and replacing fuse #25. If that doesn't work, you may need a software update.

Chuck Levenson

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